



STRASBOURG CAPITALE DE NOËL

LET'S LIGHT THE STARS

FROM 26 NOVEMBER
TO 26 DECEMBER

ONCE UPON A TIME...

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A story that has been reinventing itself since 1570 and sets the heart of an entire city beating. Its famous Christmas market, the "Christkindelsmärik" the Alsatian dialect name given to the traditional "Christ Child Market", is one of the oldest in Europe.

This 2021 event, entitled "Let's light the stars", takes on a very special dimension. It celebrates the joy and warmth of being at the foot of the Great Christmas Tree and of enjoying the many Stalls set up in the various squares of the Grande Île. This event sets the scene of a more spacious Strasbourg, Capital of Christmas, where Christmas values gradually find their full meaning.

In the glimmer of the stars that light up the city, those reflected in the eyes of young and old and that warm hearts, numerous activities are available from 26 November. They take us back to our childhood memories, those where tales and legends open the imagination wide.

"Let's light the stars" is a real invitation to dream, to marvel and to enjoy a unique experience. Together, let's use this time when we look to others to perpetuate traditions and share a magical, authentic and united Christmas.



KEY

	Tourist Office		Car park
	Museum		Toilets
	Tram station		Stall info
	Le 5 ^e Lieu, culture shop and exhibition		

13 SQUARES. MORE THAN 300 STALLS

The huts assembled on the various Christmas markets host delicacies and exceptional items symbolizing Christmas in Alsace.

Find your favourite exhibitors spread across several squares: Broglie 1, Cathédrale 5, Château 6, Corbeau 9, Kléber 2, Marché-aux-Poissons 8, Meuniers 13, Temple Neuf 3, Saint-Thomas 11, Benjamin Zix 12, and on the terrace of the Palais Rohan 7, and in Rue Gutenberg 10 and Rue des Hallebardes 4.

GETTING ABOUT

The Grande Île de Strasbourg is completely pedestrianised throughout the duration of the Christmas market. It's better to walk and use the tram. More infos at noel.strasbourg.eu/en/getting-around

IMPORTANT
Broglie station is closed from 26 November at 2 pm until 26 December.



THE HISTORIC CHRIST CHILD MARKET PLACE BROGLIE 1

The Christ Child Market started in place Broglie in 1871 and ever since has continued to be the heart and soul of the Christmas market.

+ To learn all about the history of this "Christ Child Market", visit the special exhibition and take a detour through the Town Hall in the centre of the square – it has lots of stories to tell!



ALSATIAN CHRISTMAS DELICACIES MARKET TERRASSE DU PALAIS ROHAN 7

Come and discover or rediscover the traditional bredele, mannele and gingerbread made in Alsace at Christmas at the various activities and workshops offered during Advent.

For the little ones, a manufacturing and tasting workshop is held every Wednesday afternoon, in Place du Marché-aux-Poissons.

+ Registration required with the Bakers' Federation on +33 (0)3 88 15 24 00.

THE OFF MARKET, A LOCAL AND COMMITTED MARKET PLACE GRIMMEISSEN 14

Since 2015, more than thirty local companies involved in responsible purchasing have united to offer an original, festive and committed market.

Located within an unusual decor, the OFF Market is the ideal place to exchange, recycle, hunt for antiques and invent the different, united and authentic Christmas has to offer.

Come and discover an eclectic programme: concerts, conferences, shows, workshops and activities related to ecology, solidarity and do it yourself.

+ Free entry from 11 am to 8 pm from Sunday to Thursday, until 9 pm on Friday and 10 pm on Saturday.
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THE MUST-SEE PLACE KLÉBER 2

The Great Christmas Tree
Essential symbol of Strasbourg Capitale de Noël, the Great Christmas Tree sits majestically on this square and shines with a soft warm glow.

Numerous stalls
Find some exhibitors initially set up in Place Broglie. There's something for every taste!

The Village du Partage
Taking a break at the Village du Partage means discovering nearly 90 charities that have always portrayed values of citizenship, solidarity and fraternity.

- + Make a responsible purchase or take part in fundraising to help the most vulnerable.
- + Taste the famous starred soup cooked up by four starred chefs involved this year in this spirit of sharing, with the Humanis charity.
- + Enjoy a convivial moment on 24 December at 5 pm by joining the traditional gathering organised by the charities of the "Vivre Noël ensemble" (Experience Christmas Together) association.

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THE ADVENT VILLAGE SQUARE LOUISE WEISS 15

4 weeks to get ready for Christmas!
For Strasbourg Capitale de Noël, Louise Weiss Square is transformed and invites you to come and see while strolling in a magical setting.

With friends or as a family, come to the Advent Village to share the fun and excitement: immerse yourself in alsatian christmas traditions, particularly the special exhibition, take part in a workshop or simply enjoy a little show to prepare for Christmas together.

+ Free entry from 26 November to 26 December

The Advent Village becomes the After Village
From 27 December, make the wonder last and prolong the holiday magic. You'll find plenty of tips and tricks to get the year off to a good start. Whether it's workshops or shows, there will be something for every resolution.

The Village in Louise Weiss Square is open right through until 6 January. More info on the programme at:
noel.strasbourg.eu/agenda

STRASBOURG CITY OF LIGHTS

As Christmas draws near, **Strasbourg dons all its finery.** The streets, houses, bridges, church facades and most beautiful monuments are clothed in light and offer everyone the emotion of being transported into Christmas magic.

THE GREAT CHRISTMAS TREE

Erected in the heart of Place Kléber, the **Great Christmas Tree** is the essential symbol of Strasbourg Capitale de Noël. Adorned with its thousands of lights, it rises majestically to its full height and invites you to dream of a starry night. For this 2021 event, its decoration revisits some of our ancestral traditions with a modern twist. It is adorned with rough wooden shapes, light overhead red and white baubles reminding us that it was customary to use apples to decorate it, as well as silhouettes evoking the moulds for "bredeles", those little Christmas biscuits baked during Advent.

Every evening, at nightfall, the tree is slowly lit up, and with it the whole city is imbued with this unique and enchanted atmosphere, immersing everyone between dreams and reality.

- + To experience its awakening in music and light for real, come to place Kléber every evening at 5 pm!

STAR WALK

Covered bridges and more particularly from Louise Weiss square to the pont Sainte-Madeleine, **more than 600 stars** hung here and there highlight and enhance the richness of Strasbourg's historical and architectural heritage. Be guided by these stars running along the promenade offering you an incomparable view over the city's loveliest facades.

Whether overhead, in the water or on land, **everything is illuminated.** With your head in the stars, you'll see the city clothed in light with fresh eyes. Can you smell the sweet fragrances of bredele and mulled wine? The stroll is magical!

MUST-SEE ILLUMINATIONS

The whole city is transformed into an enchanted and enchanting jewelled setting! Discover the many illuminated decorations produced by the City of Strasbourg and by the *Vitrines de Strasbourg* association.

At the **Pont du Corbeau**, you reach the **Rue du Vieux-Marché-aux-Poissons**. Go through the **Porte des Lumières** to enter the magic of Strasbourg Capitale de Noël.

Gigantic Christmas baubles with surprise decorations edged with red curtains will guide your steps towards the Great Christmas Tree. At the intersection of **Rue Mercière**, five musical angels will lead you to **Place de la Cathédrale**.

Rue des Tonneliers, look up and admire the 22 suspended illuminated barrels to have a glimpse into this street's history.

Don't miss, a few steps away, the eleven giant mannequins in the **Rue des Hallebardes**, or the **Rue de la Mésange** enhanced by a forest of giant trees.

In **Grand'ruë**, take this long pedestrian street under a sky of sparkling lights. Did you notice its giant chandelier with its magical decorations?

Continue on your way towards **Rue du 22 Novembre** and the **Place des Halles** to discover other equally sumptuous illuminations.



ICEBERG ICE RINK

Put your skates on and enjoy a great time with family or friends at the Strasbourg's Iceberg ice rink.

Don't miss:

- + Saint Nicolas on 8 December
- + Santa Claus on 22, 23 and 24 December
- + Introductions to skating and ice-hockey are also offered on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.
- + More info: noel.strasbourg.eu/agenda



1, 2, 3, 4... LET'S LIGHT THE STARS! ✦

Tradition has it that an Advent candle is lit on the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. Let yourself be carried away by the magic of Christmas and enjoy this warm moment by discovering a **new show every Saturday** that will give light pride of place.

- + Meet on **Saturday 27 November** and the **Saturdays 4, 11 and 18 December** at 6 pm. More information on the programme and the venues where these events will take place at: noel.strasbourg.eu/en/program



THE CHRISTMAS FACTORY

Thinking about Christmas is to think about rituals and traditions: **mulled wine at the street corner, the star placed atop of the Christmas tree, meals with family and friends...**

In Alsace, there are many such traditions related to traditional crafts. **Decoration, good food, original gifts...** The stalls host delicacies and exceptional items that symbolise Christmas in Alsace. Strasbourg Capitale de Noël, celebrates this work, far from being clichés, of these local producers who work in harmony with the region and materials.

The regions' creators and craftsmen are behind the decorations illuminating the city, sheltered by the stalls. Their hands shape the magic and flavour of Christmas: over there, **wooden toys in Alsace**, and there **pottery from Soufflenheim and Betschdorf**, over here **craft beers**, and here **Advent wreaths and glass Christmas baubles** blown at the **International Centre for Glass Art in Meisenthal**, etc. There's certainly something for all tastes!

THE CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET

Organised by the Strasbourg Association of roaming second-hand goods and clothes dealers, this flea market is held in the large hall of the Aubette. There are numerous antique dealers and second-hand dealers. For the pleasure of looking and the joy of unearthing that rare gem, you'll find authentic gift ideas.

- + From 26 November to 5 December. Meet at the **Aubette 1928** located in Kléber Square. For more info: noel.strasbourg.eu/en/artisanat-excellence

OZ. THE CHRISTMAS OF ARTISTIC CRAFTS

The **Alsace Crafts Federation (FREMAA)** showcases the talent and expertise of around sixty craftsmen in a charming pop-up shop where people hunting for unique items can unearth unusual handmade gifts. Ceramists, glassmakers, cabinetmakers, jewellery and fashion designers reveal their latest collections.

The OZ show is undoubtedly the opportunity to take an ultra-short circuit to do your Christmas shopping, focusing on quality and originality!

- + Meet at the **Aubette 1928** located in place Kléber. More info at noel.strasbourg.eu/en/artisanat-excellence



THE CHRISTMAS OF CULTURE AND HERITAGE

Discover or rediscover Christmas traditions with a specially boosted program during this period. With family or friends, live to the rhythm of varied cultural events: exhibitions, shows, concerts, workshops, and more.

CHRISTMAS IS SLOWLY GETTING READY AT THE MUSEUMS...

- + Themed collections, varied and fascinating exhibitions, the Strasbourg's Museums form one of the largest networks of French museums and offer a rich and diverse cultural experience.
- + In particular, go on themed tours organised by the Alsatian museum on the arts and popular traditions of Alsace.

... IN MEDIA LIBRARIES...

- + Christmas wouldn't really be Christmas without the stories to savour... Almost twelve special Christmas "story hours" will be offered every Wednesday through the network of media libraries as well as two shows for young audiences.

... AT THE 5^E LIEU...

Christmas will be celebrated there under the banner of "do it yourself" and enjoyment!

- + As a family, come and learn how to decorate and assemble your Christmas bauble with **AV Lab**, then, in **Gutenberg's footsteps**, make an original printed greetings card with **Nûn**.
- + For gourmets, **Sonia Verguet** will host a tasting event around **kugelhopf** (yummy!).
- + While the most curious, sitting comfortably, will be told the **story of the traditional Christmas tree...**

...AND ELSEWHERE.

Climb onto the **Cathedral platform** for a breathtaking view of the City's illuminations, enjoy the exhibition at the **Archives** or the **Christmas Concert** given by the **Strasbourg Philharmonic Orchestra...**

- + Info and tickets at the **5^e Lieu**, 5 Place du Château. Find the whole programme at: noel.strasbourg.eu/en/culture



SPIRITUALITY

The Saint Nicolas Courtyard market

The main courtyard of the archdiocese, nicknamed "Saint Nicolas Courtyard", **opens its doors to you:** a nativity scene, various activities based around Advent traditions, creative workshops, a collection point for Malta Order, a "Theo's world" bookshop and lots of other things to discover when you arrive!

- + **3 rue du Parchemin.**

The Notre-Dame Cathedral

Extending over a length of 18 meters, this **nativity scene dates from 1907** and is a marvel. From the Annunciation to the presentation in the Temple, it illuminates this central liturgical time of Advent, to visitors' great astonishment.

- + **Place de la Cathédrale.** More info: noel.strasbourg.eu/agenda

GUEST COUNTRY OF HONOUR



Another cradle of this secular tradition, this year **Germany will present Strasbourg's residents and visitors with a rich and diverse cultural program.**

It will give pride of place to Strasbourg's two twinned cities: **Dresden and Stuttgart.**

- + More information about the programme at: noel.strasbourg.eu/en/guest-country

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The Christmas markets are open from **26 November:**

- + 11 am to 8 pm from Sunday to Thursday
- + 2 pm to 9 pm from 26 November
- + 11 am to 9 pm on Friday 3, 10 and 17 December
- + 11 am to 10 pm on Saturdays
- + 11 am to 6 pm on 24 December
- + 2 pm to 6 pm on 25 December
- + 12 am to 6 pm on 26 December



Find the whole programme at

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STRASBOURG CAPITALE DE NOËL. TOMORROW? YOUR OPINION INTERESTS US.

We want to know your feelings and expectations to improve Strasbourg Capitale de Noël!

A questionnaire to complete online or in the info stalls will allow you to express yourself and share your ideas with us.

- + Thank you for taking part! noel.strasbourg.eu/consultation